

**WAC 246-811-010 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly states otherwise.

(1) "Agency" means a community behavioral health agency or facility operated, licensed, or certified by the state of Washington, a federally recognized Indian tribe located with the state, a county, a federally qualified health center, or a hospital.

(2) "Approved school" means any college or university accredited by a national or regional accrediting body, at the time the applicant completed the required education or other educational programs approved by the secretary.

(3) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic techniques including, but not limited to, social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee, that offer, assist, or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity and awareness of self and others and the development of human potential.

(4) "Core competencies of substance use disorder counseling" means competencies oriented to assist individuals with substance use disorder in their recovery. Core competencies include the following nationally recognized areas:

(a) Knowledge;

(b) Skills;

(c) Attitudes of professional practice, including assessment and diagnosis of substance use disorder;

(d) Substance use disorder treatment planning and referral;

(e) Patient and family education in substance use disorder;

(f) Individual and group counseling;

(g) Relapse prevention counseling; and

(h) Case management.

(5) "Direct supervision" means the supervisor is on the premises and available for immediate consultation.

(6) "Enrolled" means participating in an approved school and progressing toward the completion of the course work, or completion of the course work to be certified as a substance use disorder professional as described in WAC 246-811-030 (2)(a) through (w).

(7) "Individual formal meetings" means a meeting with an approved supervisor, involving one approved supervisor and no more than four supervisees.

(8) "Official transcript" means the transcript from an approved college or school, in an envelope readily identified as having been sealed by the school.

(9) "Out-of-state" means any state or territory of the United States.

(10) "Probationary license" means a temporary license issued to out-of-state applicants qualifying for licensure reciprocity in Washington state under the restrictions and conditions of RCW 18.205.140 and this chapter.

(11) "Reciprocity" means licensure of out-of-state licensed counselors based on substantial equivalence between Washington state scope of practice and the scope of practice of the other state or territory, subject to a probationary licensure period to complete outstanding Washington state licensure requirements as determined necessary by the secretary to gain full licensure.

(12) "Recovery" means a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and

strive to reach their full potential. Recovery often involves achieving remission from active substance use disorder.

(13) "Related field" means health education, behavioral science, sociology, psychology, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, social work, psychiatry, nursing, divinity, criminal justice, and counseling education.

(14) "Substance use disorder counseling" means employing the core competencies of substance use disorder counseling to assist or attempt to assist individuals with substance use disorder in their recovery.

(15) "Substance use disorder professional" or "SUDP" means an individual certified in substance use disorder counseling under chapter 18.205 RCW and this chapter.

(16) "Substance use disorder professional trainee" or "SUDPT" means an individual holding a credential as an SUDPT and working toward the education and experience requirements for certification as a substance use disorder professional under chapter 18.205 RCW and this chapter.

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